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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MEIER et al

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For: Method For Increasing The Wear Resistance Of A  
Work Piece

Group: 3726

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*Amelt*  
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*Bloss*

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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 5, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2002, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

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1. (Amended) A method for increasing the wear-resistance of a work  
piece, comprising connecting the work piece to a core material that cannot be  
reshaped and which is of a greater hardness than the work-piece material in a  
form-fitting manner by means of cold-extrusion or hot-extrusion of the work-  
piece material.

*C2*

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterised in that the  
core material is a hard metal or a hardened metal.

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterised in that the